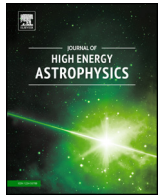


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## A word from the Publisher

The launch of a new journal is always exciting and this certainly applies for our new *Journal of High Energy Astrophysics* (JHEAp). The idea of a journal dedicated to the field of high energy astrophysics (HEA) has been long pending. We are delighted that this idea has now materialized and lead to this inaugural issue of JHEAp.

JHEAp aims to become a traditional, high-level astrophysical journal focusing on HEA and its broad connections. Current and future large experiments like, for instance, CTA, ALMA, LOFAR, and SKA, as well as the neutrino and gravitational wave experiments will likely connect HEA with every single topic of astronomy. This has already resulted in scientific output increasing by an order of magnitude in the last decade, with a predicted larger rate of increase in the coming years. Whereas the traditional major astronomy journals have provided a welcoming framework for these HEA results up until now, JHEAp aims to provide a fresh and focused platform for this ever-growing community.

To achieve this goal, a board of highly reputable experts from the various branches in high energy astrophysics has been appointed. The composition of the board is well-balanced in terms of scientific background and geographical location. We believe that the Editors will greatly contribute to the quality of science, by means of bringing in new reviewers to the field and deploying their unique expertise and professional networks.

Next to high quality regular manuscripts, the journal will publish review articles from leaders in the field and serve as a forum for discussion. The journal will also publish timely topical issues on an occasional basis.

Special features of the journal include the fact that it has no page charges, all content published the first year of the journal will be freely accessible during that year, and starting in 2015, the journal's content will become freely available online after 12 months after publication under the delayed open access model.

The Editors and I are dedicated to establish the *Journal of High Energy Astrophysics* as the new outlet for high energy astrophysics research and look forward receiving your contributions.

José Stoop  
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Also on behalf of the Editorial Board